

THE BLACK LILY

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means of filling the secret harem maintained in hidden chambers of this temple here for their own lustful use.

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death, but it was not death. The Death was—this."

He pointed to the serpent at his feet. A gasp of intense surprise went up from the people.

After a dramatic pause, the old man went on, again.

"It was in that old, old chamber underground, through which you have just come, that the evil work was wrought. It was there beneath that stone altar, wherein the instruments of wickedness were kept, that the plants were inoculated, and the serpents released at the proper time.

"Those of the High Priesthood were chained to catch the deadly things. The steel loop that every high priest wears about his neck was used to hold the evil thing and keep it harmless."

Ramon leaned toward John Northington—"And also to remove the poison glands," he said meaningfully as he nodded to the dead serpent that he had used to mystify the people by letting it sting him in the hand.

Father Jose's Hidden Sorrow

"It was the high priest who alone could take the serpent from its place beneath the old altar and carry it to the tube below the one set up here before you. It was he alone who could so manipulate the piston-like mechanism either above or below as to project the deadly thing into position for its work. It was for this he always left the altar stone here in the open before the moment of blooming."

"It was for this—" "That he waited in the passage below with the death, that Jonthra intended to secrete in the Central Chamber before coming back," whispered Ramon. "It is all in the parchment he left for Dolores, as well as instructions to her about"—he smiled softly—"what will happen soon."

Father Jose had been talking on to the people as Ramon whispered to his friend.

"... So, it was my love for the beautiful Amedea that made me dare the wrath of the evil Jonthra in that far day when she was the chosen bride. I stole with her to the PLACE that you have all heard about and thought a half mythical story—the PLACE beyond the BLACK DEATH of the River Caverns. I found it by accident, as we fled. It was there Amedea died." His voice was tender with remembrance.

"Chenah came from there—Chenah, my son—who entered the priesthood to save—these—" he pointed to Ramon and Dolores—"for the love he bears them. It was that he might be trained for this, that I sent him to the peons of my ruler as a child.

"As for this other—the brave youth from the outlands, to which I advised the father of the young Ramon to send him for the secrets of its learning—there is little I can say. His bravery we all know. More than that—his friendship for our chief is a golden bond that must forever bind us to his people in the far Northern land to which he is soon returning loaded with gifts and great wealth that our Ruler has already decreed him.

"For the rest—" He turned to Ramon, who advanced, smiling, and took the hand of Dolores into his own.

Father Jose stepped forward. After the ancient custom he crossed the two young people's hands over a magnificent Black Lily that Chenah handed him. For a moment he held it there, then very simply uttered the ancient blessing on those wed after the ritual of THE BLACK LILY.

At a gesture, the people knelt for a moment. Then with one accord the great drums sounded and a

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Getting Rich off Broken Glass They Found in the Streets

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"A dairy offered me a big heap of broken bottles if I would haul it away. That was the real hint, and now we collect from all the dairies in Kansas City; also from soda fountains, hotels, and restaurants; saloons, too, when they were doing more business. I used to get lots of bottles from the breweries, too.

"It wasn't long till we had to get a team and wagon. Then we got another, and the other day we added a truck to the equipment. We now get \$11 a ton for the glass, and try to ship three carloads (120 tons), each month. Some months we don't get that much.

"My husband and I have two other men and five women working here all the year round. Another man and myself take care of our farm south of the city. We have 20 acres leased, and we raise hogs, having 125 now, and most of them are good and fat. You see, we know where we can get garbage when we go back on the truck to the farm."

"How much do you pay the per-

ringing cheer went up from hundreds of throats. It was the acknowledgment of a new Ruler and a new High Priest.

John Northington was waiting for the steamer that was to carry him back to North America. Ramon waited with him.

"But what I can't understand," the bronze adventurer said in a puzzled voice, "is why, if you know the Flower would not kill, you were so concerned."

"Ah, that—But it can kill if properly inoculated and I did not know. Jonthra might have—" The steamer whistled.

THE END

sons who work for you?" she was asked.

"Well, they're not starving," was the evasive reply.

"They say you have a healthy bank account—have you?" was the next question.

"Well, we didn't overdraw when we bought that truck," was the second evasive reply.

"Annie, we're going home," came a voice from the other side of the shed, and the purr of the truck motor indicated that it was time for the intervener to go. "That's my husband," she said, "and we got to go and feed the hogs."

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